

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to establish a combination work and education activity for recipients under the state's temporary assistance for needy families program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That chapter 28-7A be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The Department of Social Services shall implement a combination work and education activity for recipients of the temporary assistance for needy families program who qualify under the provisions of this Act. This combination work and education activity is limited to twenty-four months and must be directed towards a goal of employment that leads to self-sufficiency.

Section 2. That chapter 28-7A be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The education component of the combination work and education activity must meet the following criteria:

- (1) Must be an undergraduate postsecondary educational program at an institution accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools;
- (2) Must result in a marketable skill directly related to employment;
- (3) Must be related to the available employment demands and opportunities in the recipient's labor market.

Section 3. That chapter 28-7A be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The recipient of the temporary assistance for needy families program must meet the following criteria to be approved for the work and education activity under the provisions of this Act:

- (1) Must be enrolled in a postsecondary education program for a minimum of twelve credit hours. Credit hours to meet the requirement of this subdivision may not exceed fifteen;

- (2) Must meet the admission requirements established by the institution;
- (3) Must maintain a 2.5 grade point average; and
- (4) Must have a combination of work hours and classroom hours that meet the work participation requirements of the state's temporary assistance for needy families program.

Section 4. That chapter 28-7A be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The Department of Social Services may limit the number of participants in the work and education activity to meet the requirements under the state's temporary assistance for needy families program.

Section 5. That chapter 28-7A be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The department may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 for the administration of this Act. Rules may include the following:

- (1) Employability assessment, work activities, and supportive services;
- (2) Conditions of continued eligibility, eligibility time limits, eligibility recertification periods, and exemptions;
- (3) Program participation requirements, criteria for disqualification, and good cause exemptions;
- (4) Limits on the number of participants; and
- (5) Such other rules and standards of operation and administration within the mandate of this Act as may be necessary or desirable to qualify for federal financial participation.

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I certify that the attached Act
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Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

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